

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 5 as shown below:

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Multi-line hunt group 26 includes a plurality of communication lines 32 and at least one signaling line 34. Communication lines 32 may be individual physical cables, may be channels on a single cable, or a combination of both. Signaling line 34 carries signaling information associated with voice traffic carried over communication lines 32. Signaling information may include transport of station message desk interface (SMDI) information, such as called number, calling number, message waiting indication, and the like. This information may be transmitted via a separate SMDI link or via the D-channel on a primary rate interface (PRI). Line-side switch functions such as flash-hook and DTMF may be passed via the IP gateway onto the same IP data stream as the voice data and then demultiplexed at a service site 24.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, at line 6 as shown below:

Referring now to Figure 3, a drawing illustrating a multi-line hunt group voicemail system according to an embodiment of the present invention is shown. A voicemail system, shown generally by 70, includes at least one remote site 22 and at least one local site 72 interconnected by IP-enabled communication network 52. Remote site 22 includes a plurality of subscribers 28 connected to switch 30. Switch 30 may be, for example, a model 5ESS from Lucent Technologies located in New Jersey. Switch 30 routes calls from subscribers 28 onto multi-line hunt group 26 by selecting at least one communication line 32 to carry voice information and at least one signaling line 34 carrying signaling information such as integration of subscriber 28 into the correct mailbox based on called and calling party information, message waiting indication, menu navigation, and the like. Multi-line hunt group

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26 is connected to voice wide ~~are~~ area device (VWAD) 74. VWAD 74 formats voice and signaling information for transmittal over IP-enabled communication network 52. VWAD 74 may be a model 3640 from Cisco Systems, Inc. located in San Jose.